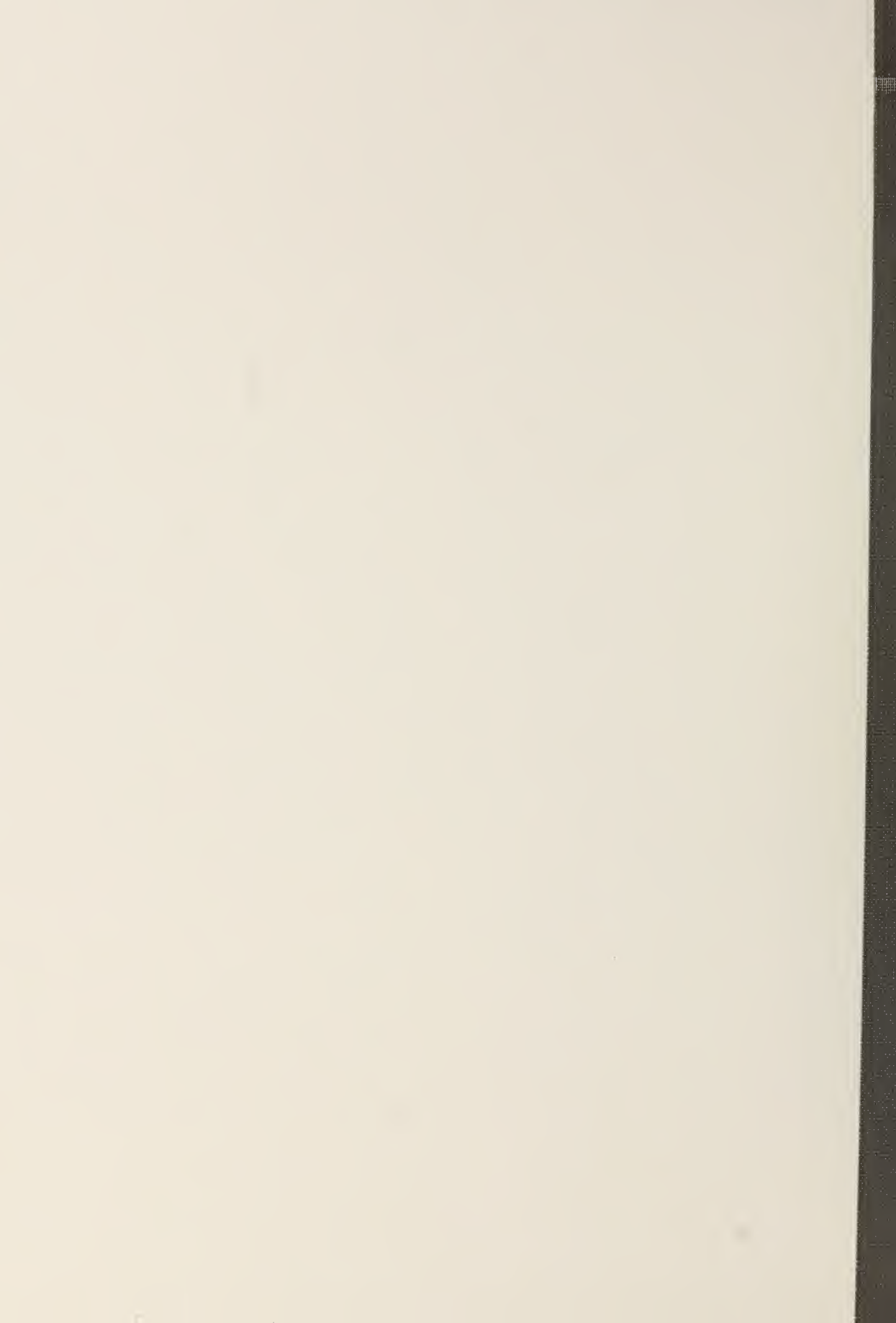


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## PURPOSE AND GOALS

DCEO administers the REM Program under the authority of the Illinois Solid Waste Management Act. The program awards **matching grants** to Illinois organizations and businesses to accomplish recycling market expansion and waste reduction goals, and improve performance, while demonstrating public economic benefits.

The REM Program diverts materials from the solid waste stream, thereby conserving our natural resources, while boosting the performance of Illinois businesses and organizations to sustain and expand the Illinois economy. **The REM Program is an opportunity that is good for business and good for the environment.**

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

Through the REM Program, Illinois firms are discovering an opportunity to boost performance and improve their "bottom line" by using modern methods to manage scrap materials and industrial byproducts. The REM Program assists organizations to improve their processes and implement best practices to reduce waste at the source, or reuse and recycle materials that were once landfilled.

## PROGRAM SERVICES

The REM Program can fund projects that vary in focus and scope:

*Assessment Service:* Grants of up to \$30,000 can be provided for consulting services to obtain valuable information that will be used to implement changes that support REM goals.

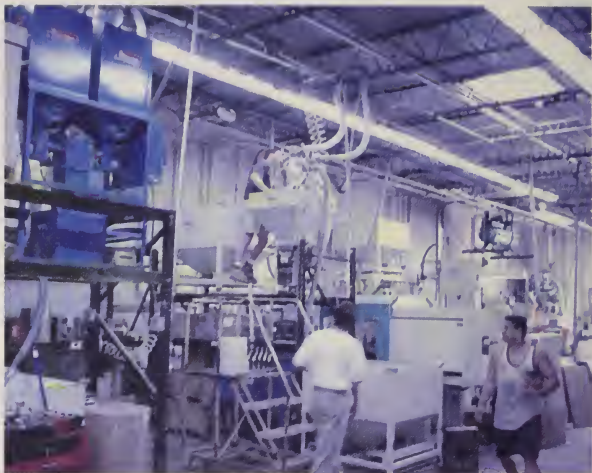
*Demonstration Service:* Grants of up to \$150,000 can be provided for an organization to demonstrate an innovative, new technology, practice or product that supports REM goals.

*Implementation Service:* Grants of up to \$250,000 can be provided for capital equipment required to implement new procedures or systems.

DCEO reserves the right to determine the actual grant amount based upon the level of funding available, the Department's priorities, and the merits of a specific application with regard to REM Program goals.

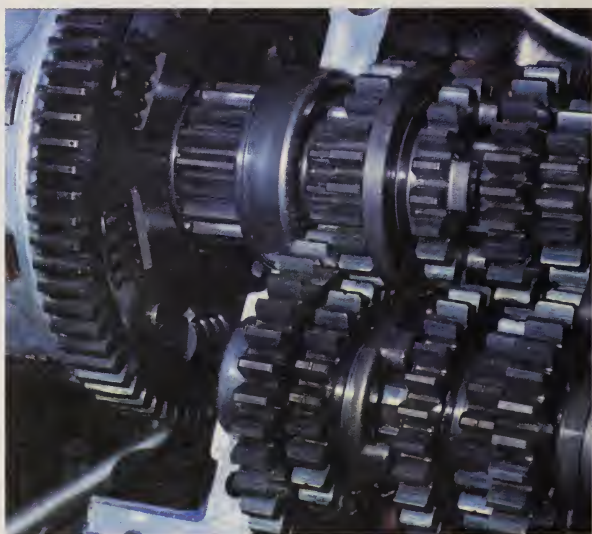






## SUCCESS STORY

DCEO provided grant funds to one Illinois manufacturer that found a way to reuse internal scrap as a substitute for costly virgin materials, thereby reducing operating costs, while also making a new product out of a separate internal waste stream, generating additional revenue in the process.



## THE REM BUSINESS WASTE ASSESSMENT SERVICE GRANT

Illinois businesses can use this new DCEO initiative to lower the cost of doing business.

### *Grant Size*

A \$10,000 REM matching grant can offset the cost of a Business Waste Assessment Service, to be conducted by an external third party organization. Grantees must contribute 25% of project costs in cash.

### *Project Characteristics*

A Business Waste Assessment Service is conducted by a waste management consulting organization, and will involve, at a minimum, the examination of facility records, a facility walk-through, a waste sort, along with a written recommendation of priority areas for improvement. Specific activities will vary depending on the size and type of firm, and waste stream. The applicant must select a qualified consulting organization to conduct the service.

### *Eligible Project Expenses*

- consulting service fees for the review of internal business practices, and
- equipment and services required to implement "first stage" waste management procedures.



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